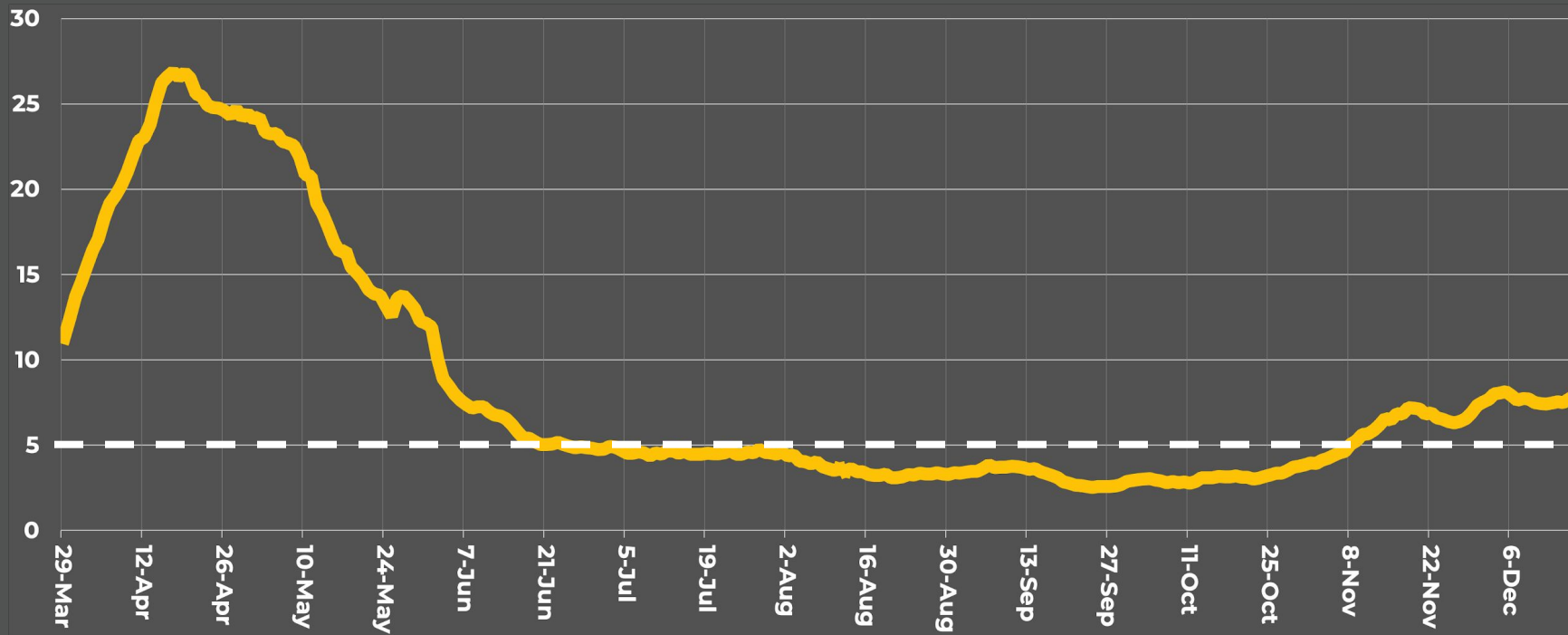




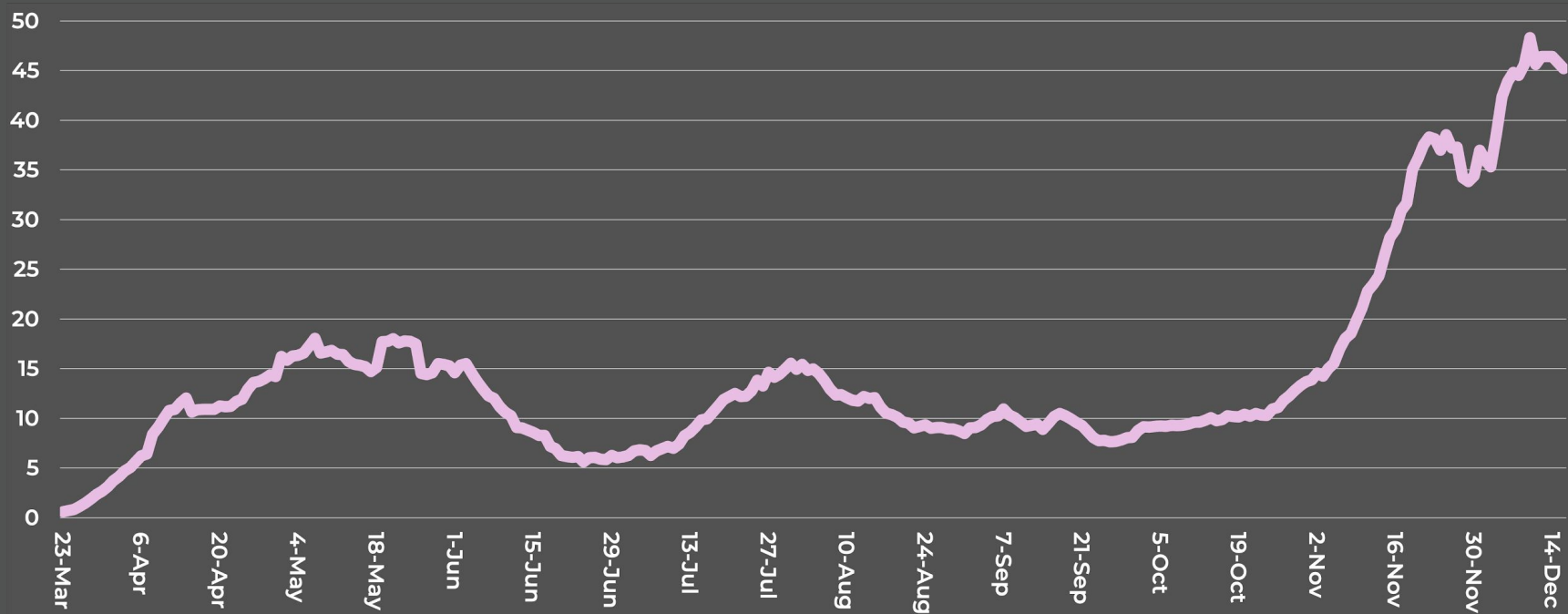
COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

**We find ourselves at
another pivotal moment in
our battle against COVID-19.**

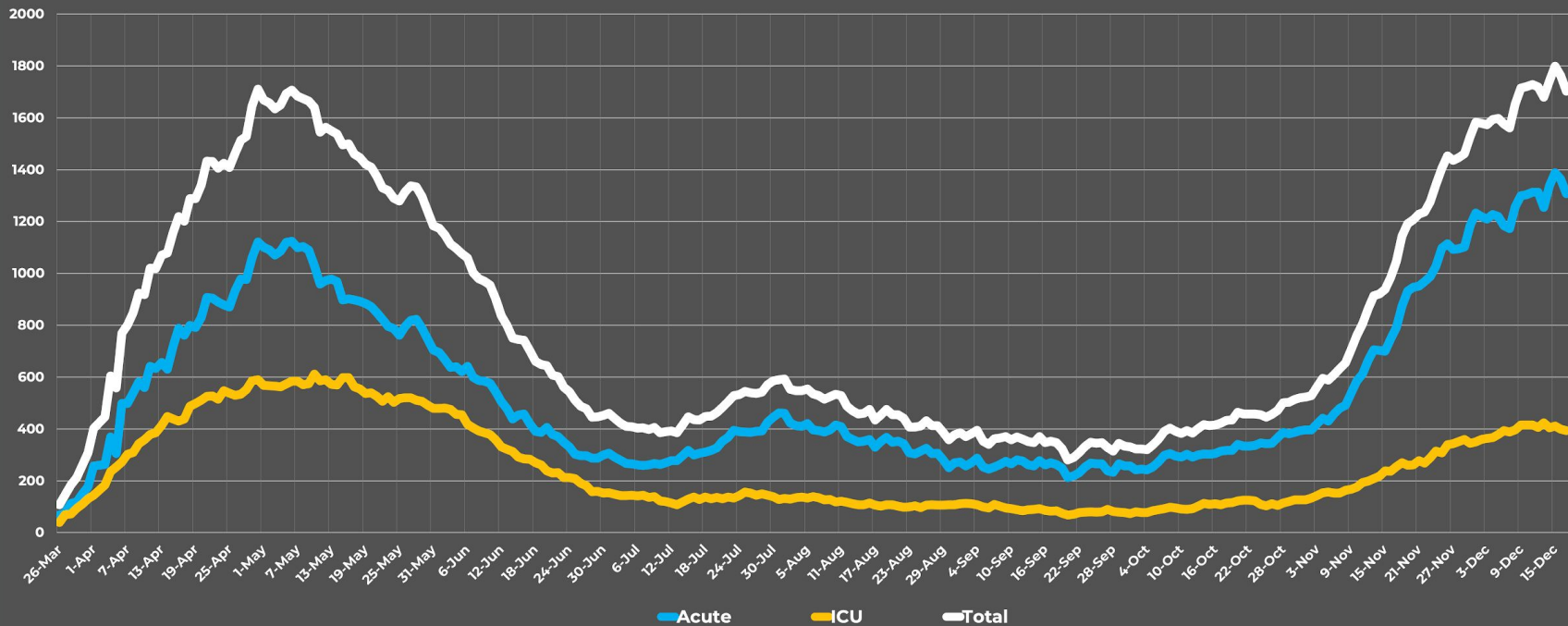
POSITIVITY RATE



CASE RATE PER 100K



HOSPITALIZATIONS



**Our strongest defense against this
virus continues to be the
cooperation and vigilance of the
people of Maryland.**

**Marylanders are safer
at home for the
holidays this year.**

EMERGENCY TRAVEL ORDER

- Marylanders are required to limit travel to essential purposes only
- Travelers to and from Maryland must obtain a negative COVID-19 test result or self-quarantine for 10 days

GET TESTED, MARYLAND:

COVIDtest.maryland.gov

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

- **Lowering gathering limit from 25 to 10**
- **Advising against non-essential activities, gatherings with people outside of your immediate household**

TELEWORK

- Temporarily suspending in-person customer-facing operations at state facilities over the holidays
- Asking all businesses who are able to institute telework policies to do so

EXEMPT FROM TRAVEL ORDERS:

- Santa Claus
- Elves
- Reindeer



ON THE HORIZON

- **Vaccination of Maryland's healthcare workers, nursing home residents and staff, first responders**
- **Bipartisan federal relief bill**



ANNOUNCING AN ADDITIONAL
+\$180 MILLION
IN STATE ECONOMIC RELIEF



+\$50 MILLION

**FOR HOTELS AND
HOSPITALITY BUSINESSES**



+\$30 MILLION

**FOR THE RESTAURANT
RELIEF PROGRAM**



+\$15 MILLION

FOR ENTERTAINMENT VENUES



+\$5 MILLION

**FOR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES IN
RURAL COUNTIES**



+\$40 MILLION

**BOOSTING TEMPORARY CASH
ASSISTANCE BENEFITS**



+\$40 MILLION

**ACCELERATING PAY INCREASE FOR
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CARE**



MARYLAND STRONG
ECONOMIC RECOVERY
INITIATIVE

**Maryland is now
providing more
than \$600 million
in emergency
economic relief.**

**We will be proposing a larger
economic and stimulus relief
package to provide further
support for our struggling
families and small businesses.**

WHAT MARYLANDERS CAN DO

- **Support local restaurants by ordering carryout or delivery**
- **Give to a local charity, nonprofit, or foodbank**
- **Do holiday shopping at a small business**

**During this holiday
season, let us all choose to
reflect on a spirit of hope.**



GREG SLATER

**SECRETARY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION**



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